companies in coal mine sector in the country ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) There is at present no proposal to offer any equity participation to foreign companies in the existing coal companies in the public sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Wheat Exports to Gulf by STC

730. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem in the Economic Times dated 21st November, 1994, captioned "STC takes up wheat exports to Gulf and FIEO affairs ";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) a list of Government officials who are members of the Managing Committee and the record of their attendance during the past three years, the list of past Presidents who attended the Managing Committee Meetings as Special Invitees during the past three years inspite of a provision in the Articles of Association against such Special Invitees may be given ; and

(d) the full statement giving the facts of the matter and what remedial steps Government are taking to make this Apex Organistion effective in export promotion work?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. STC has finalised an export contract on 22-11-1994 with a buyer in Dubai for export of 50,000 Mts. of Indian wheat (FAQ), This quantity is firm subject to quality approval by buyer on arrival of the first shipment of 5,000—10,000 Mts. in Dubai and buyer's confirmation in writing to the seller for the shipment of the balance quantity within five working days on arrival of the first shipment. In addition, STC has also contracted a further quantity of 1 lakh MTs (optional) on mutually agreed terms. The additional quantity is subject to availability of quota from APEDA/ stocks from FCI, The shipments are to be effected during December, 1994 upto March, 1995.

In regard to FIEO Affairs, a meeting of the Managing Committee of FIEO was held in Bombay on 16-11-1994 to transact the usual business. The acting President, FIEO had been directed to abide by the relevant provisions of the FIEO Rules & Regulations regarding invitation to past Presidents in the meetings of the Managing Committee. However, since the invitations had already been sent to all the past-Presidents to attend the meeting of the Managing Committee on 16-11-1994 as special invitees, it was agreed that the same need not be withdrawn. On being handed over a copy of the letter signed by the FIEO Officers and Staff Association to the President, FIEO by Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta, a special invitee the President, FIEO assured him to take appropriate steps to avoid such recurrence in future.

(c) A list of government officials who were members of the managing committee as well as a list of Government officials and past Presidents who attended the meeting of the Managing Committee as special invitees during the last three years are enclosed at statement I and II. (*See* below) :

(d) FIEO is an autonomous body registered under the Societie's Registration Act, 1860 and it manages its own affairs with the approval of the Managing Committee, However, MOC closely inter-acts with

FIEO in regard to all matters relating to export promotion, keeping in view para 149 of Exim Policy on its autonomy & para 150 of Exim Policy on conditions for support by the Government. FIEO is not being given any grant-in-aid by the Government since 1985-86.

Statement-I

List of Government Officials who were Members of the Managing Committee of FIEO during the last 3 years

1991-92

Shri M.S. Mina, Director, DC (SSI).

Shri M.E. Hussain, Additional Director General.

Shipping and Transport Ministry.

Shri P. K. Mohanty, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

Shri A. K. Lakhina, Export Commissioner, DGFT (erstwhile CCI & E).

1992-93

Shri M. S. Mina, Director, DC(SSI).

Shri M. E. Hussain, Additional Director General, Shipping and Transport Ministry.

Shri P. K. Mohanty, Dy. secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

Shri S. Nigam, Joint Director, DGFT.

1993-94

Shri M. S. Mina, Director DC (SSI).

Shri Anand Kumar, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Surface Transport.

Shri P. K. Mohanty, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

Shri R. Parthasarthy, Director, Ministry of Commerce w.e.f. 8-12-93.

Shri S. Nigam, Joint Director, DGFT.

Ms. L. M. Vas, Export Commissioner, DGFT, w.e.f. 8-12-93.

Statement-II

List of Government Officials and Past Presidents of FIEO who attended the Managing Committee meeting of FIEO during the last three years.

Date of the	Paste Presidents (Soecial Invitees)	Govt. Officials
1	2	3
1991-92		
10-07-1991	Shri V.P. Punj	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI)
31-07-1991	Shri Binay Kumar Shri V.P. Punj	
08-10-1991	Shri V.P. Punj Bhai Mohan Singh	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI)

1	2	3
12-11-1991	Shri V.P. Punj	
30-12-1991	Shri V.P. Punj	
	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
05-03-1992	Shri V.P. Punj	Shri A.K. Lakhina, Export Commissioner
	Shri Binay Kumar	
	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
1992-93		
01-06-1992	Shri V.P. Punj	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI).
	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
	Bhai Mohan Singh	
18-08-1992	Shri V.P. Punj	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI)
	Shri Binay Kumar	
18-09-1992	Shri V.P. Punj	Shri A.K. Lakhina,
	Shri Ramu S. Deora	Export Commissioner Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC(SSI)
04-01-1993	Shri Ramu S. Deora	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI)
06-03-1993	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
1993-94		
20-05-1993	Shri V.P. Punj	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI).
22-07-1993	Shri Binay Kumar	
	Bhai Mohan Singh	
	Shri V.P. Punj	
	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
17-09-1993	Shri P.G. Pillai	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI).
	Bhai Mohan Singh	
	Shri V.P. Punj	
	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
	Shri Kishor K. Shah	
01-12-1994	Shri P.G. Pillai	Shri M.S. Mina, O/o DC (SSI).
	Shri V.P. Punj	
	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
	Shri Kishor K. Shah	
04-03-1994	Shri Ramu S. Deora	
	Shri Kishor K. Shah	